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## Important new CPD opportunity for EIS members

### Developing Leadership and Learning

**The EIS and the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh are pleased to announce a new leadership development programme for teachers, the Post Graduate Certificate in Developing Leadership and Learning. The EIS is currently working in partnership with the Universities to create this programme. The first course of the programme will be piloted from October 2009.**

It is now widely recognised that teachers have a central role in leading learning in the school. The EIS in their recent paper on leadership highlight this aspect of the teachers' role in schools today. Teachers as leaders in learning can develop and draw upon their expertise in the classroom to collaborate with others. It is here that real differences can be made to the learning lives of pupils and to their achievement.

The new programme will support teachers wishing to build their confidence and practice as leaders and is intended for both teachers who aspire to or are in the early stages of developing their leadership role, as well as experienced teachers seeking to enhance their skills in working collaboratively. Applicants should have minimum of 3 years teaching experience.

#### The programme aims to:

- develop a critical understanding of the concept of leadership particularly in the context of teacher leadership;
- foster critical reflective practice; and
- provide opportunities for the development and review of leadership skills.

#### The Programme Structure

The programme consists of three courses, each carrying 20 credits. Participants will complete Courses 1 and 2 in one academic session and Course 3 in the subsequent academic session. The certificate programme is part of a Masters pathway and so can be used towards a Masters degree in education and in leadership at the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh and APL may be available for the Chartered Teacher Programme

#### Flexible Learning

Learning in this programme is based around real experiences, set within the context of the school and an important outcome is the development of practical strategies and tools to enhance practice and contribute to the quality of pupil experience.

A structured and supported approach to experiential learning will enable participants to reflect on experience and plan ways of enhancing their understanding, skills and confidence as a leader. The programme design incorporates flexible learning opportunities and includes online learning and teaching sessions to support the development of practice. Built into the course are opportunities to work collaboratively with other participants and to work in network support groups.

#### The Pilot Project

The first step will be to pilot the programme in session 09-10. The Partnership of the EIS and the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh welcomes expressions of interest from teachers who would like to be involved in this pilot.

Course	Focus
Course 1: Developing as a leader	Exploring the skills and qualities of leadership and using these ideas to complete a self evaluation
Course 2: Working collaboratively	Developing collaborative practice: exploring the purposes and approaches in working collaboratively
Course 3: Leading a project	Completion of small scale work based project and reflecting on practice

**To find out more and to register your interest in the programme, please contact [developingleadership@educ.gla.ac.uk](mailto:developingleadership@educ.gla.ac.uk)**